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KC MAN SENTENCED ON DRUG CHARGES AFTER INJURING TROOPER IN I-29 CHASE NEAR ST. JOSEPH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today on drug-related charges. His arrest last year followed a high-speed pursuit on Interstate 29 in which a Missouri State Highway Patrol trooper – who was dragged and run over by the defendant's car – shot the defendant in the leg.

Michael J. Williams, 29, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Chief Judge Dean Whipple this morning to five years in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 26, 2003, **Williams** and co-defendant **Kentrell S. Narcisse**, 29, of St. Joseph, each pleaded guilty. **Williams** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting in the possession with the intent to distribute 50 grams or more of crack cocaine. **Narcisse** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting interstate travel in aid of a racketeering enterprise, and was sentenced on Aug. 10, 2004, to five years in federal prison without parole.

Williams and **Narcisse** were arrested by the Missouri State Highway Patrol on April 10, 2003, following a vehicle stop on I-29 in Buchanan County, Mo., near St. Joseph. **Williams**, who was driving a 1995 Chevrolet Monte Carlo that was stopped for speeding, had been directed to sit in the patrol car. **Narcisse** was a passenger in the Monte Carlo. **Williams** bolted from the patrol car, Graves said, and ran back to his Monte Carlo. The trooper chased **Williams** to the Monte Carlo and reached into the vehicle, grabbing **Williams** with both hands. As **Williams** sped away, Graves said, the trooper was hanging from the open driver's side door as the car accelerated to about 60 mph.

The trooper attempted to pull himself into the vehicle and ordered **Williams** to stop several times, Graves said. The trooper fired five rounds at **Williams** right leg to attempt to stop

the vehicle, which ran off the roadway and down an embankment. The vehicle slowed to about 30 miles per hour, with the driver's side door still open and the trooper still hanging onto **Williams**. When the vehicle struck an embankment, the trooper lost his grip and fell from the moving vehicle. The right rear tire struck the trooper's right shoulder and elbow.

Williams shut the driver's side door and drove back onto the interstate, Graves said. Highway Patrol officers pursued **Williams** northbound on I-29 as they threw small bags of crack cocaine and marijuana from the vehicle. **Williams** admitted that he had intended to distribute the crack cocaine, and **Narcisse** admitted that he had intended to help **Williams** distribute the crack cocaine and marijuana.

Near the intersection of Interstate 29 and Highway 36, **Williams** stopped the vehicle. **Narcisse** immediately exited the vehicle with his hands raised. **Williams** opened the driver's door but was unable to exit the vehicle without assistance.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael S. Oliver. It was investigated by the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

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